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'Worst' landlords in T.O. exposed

VIOLATIONS

Website compiled previously hidden data to create damning list

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

As Toronto debates a plan to license landlords, tenant advocates are calling out what they say are the city's "worst" landlords.

City inspectors hand out hundreds of landlord violations each year for everything from broken elevators to clogged toilets and cockroach infestations.

The worst offenders have now been compiled on LandlordWatch, a website launched Wednesday using data previously hidden away in hard to access databases.

The website is the brainchild of ACORN Canada, an advocacy group for low- and moderate-income families, and RentLogic, a company set to launch a Toronto-based landlord review website.

"LandlordWatch will clearly show that our landlords are not doing their part and that the city's basic maintenance standards are not being met," said Marva Burnett, ACORN Canada president. "There is a clear need for a licensing regime for landlords."

City councillors are expected to debate a proposal to charge landlords an annual fee to cover the cost of building inspections at Thursday's meeting. Burnett says the current inspection system is too reliant on tenant complaints or proactive politicians.

RentLogic's Yale Fox told Metro the data used to rank "bad apples" was paid for by taxpayers and should be easily available.

Landlords who appear on the list told Metro they believe the tool is inaccurate.

David Mills of CAPREIT said the methodology is flawed and overly simplistic. CAPREIT owns and manages 16,300 apartment suites in the GTA and landed 28th on LandlordWatch's list, with 42 violations since 2014.

"That is really cherry picking some data that doesn't speak to the dedication and pride we take in responding to resident issues," Mills said.

Mills polled his property managers across the city and said only eight violations were still outstanding.

"The word violation sounds ominous, but it could be as simple as some burnt out lightbulbs in a hallway," he said. "We fix these things as quickly as we can and are respectful of the timeframe."

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Mother's death spurs call to halt violence

CANDICE ROCHELLE BOBB

Police union letter asks for 'proactive' solutions

As the city reels from the horrific murder of 35-year-old Candice Rochelle Bobb, the Toronto Police Association is calling for more "proactive policing."

In an "open letter to the residents of Toronto" placed as full-page ads in both the Toronto Sun and the National Post on Tuesday, the police union says "the safest city in North America has a gun violence problem," and expressed concern about "the growing disconnect between the police and the community."

"There has been a lot of talk around 'carding.' For the record, let us say this — we accept that carding, or what we call street checks — is over," the letter reads. "It is time to move forward and find a meaningful way to engage proactively with the community."

The letter notes the "significant increase in violent crime." Bobb's murder is the 29th homicide in Toronto this year, up from 15 at this point in 2015, and year-to-date deadly shootings have gone up 216 per cent.

Candice Rochelle Bobb was the city's 29th homicide victim of 2016. The Toronto Police Association said it's concerned about the city's growing gun violence and community disconnect. INSTAGRAM

In a phone interview, TPA president Mike McCormack said the letter was not sparked by Bobb's death but had been "in the works for a while," in the wake of a spike in violent crime. McCormack defined proactive policing as officers going out in the community, engaging with people and building relationships, and said officers are worried they'll be "villainized."

"We're tired of the narrative around street checks and everything else, we want to hear some solutions," he said.

Asked about the letter Tuesday afternoon, Chief Mark Saunders said he read it and "didn't think much of it," adding he would not use fear as a tactic.

Mayor John Tory said that on his visit Monday to Jamestown Cres., the area where Bobb was shot, residents said the people who bring guns into the community rarely live there, and police have to figure out how to tackle that. "They wanted more police presence in their neighbourhoods … and they want them on bikes and walking as well as in cars."

University of Toronto criminologist Scot Wortley cautioned that the current short-term spike in violence could be due to a number of factors, including a mild winter, calling the TPA ad: "a political move just as much as it is a move predicated on a concern for public safety."

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IN MEMORY

Bobb remembered as a supportive friend

For most of Toronto, Candice Rochelle Bobb is the city's latest homicide victim, a 35-year-old pregnant woman shot in the back of a car who never got to meet the baby she was carrying.

But for Toni Morgan, she's the old friend with a "cackle" of a laugh who always supported her on her journey from homeless teen to student at Harvard University.

The two grew up together in Malton and their grandparents were close, Morgan said in a Facebook message from Cambridge, Mass., where she's studying for a master's degree in education.

"She had this deep, raspy voice and a jovial laugh," Morgan remembers. "(She was) such a positive personality and a cheerleader."

Their birthdays were just days apart, Morgan's on Nov. 12 and Bobb's on Nov. 10, and they would celebrate together as kids amid Bobb's tight-knit family.

"My uncle/her grandfather would give us $5 to buy candy and that was our 'gift,'" Morgan said during a Facebook chat with Torstar News Service.

"Her grandfather was a white Jamaican. They showed me what it meant to be a transcultural family."

Later the pair bonded over talking about their families.

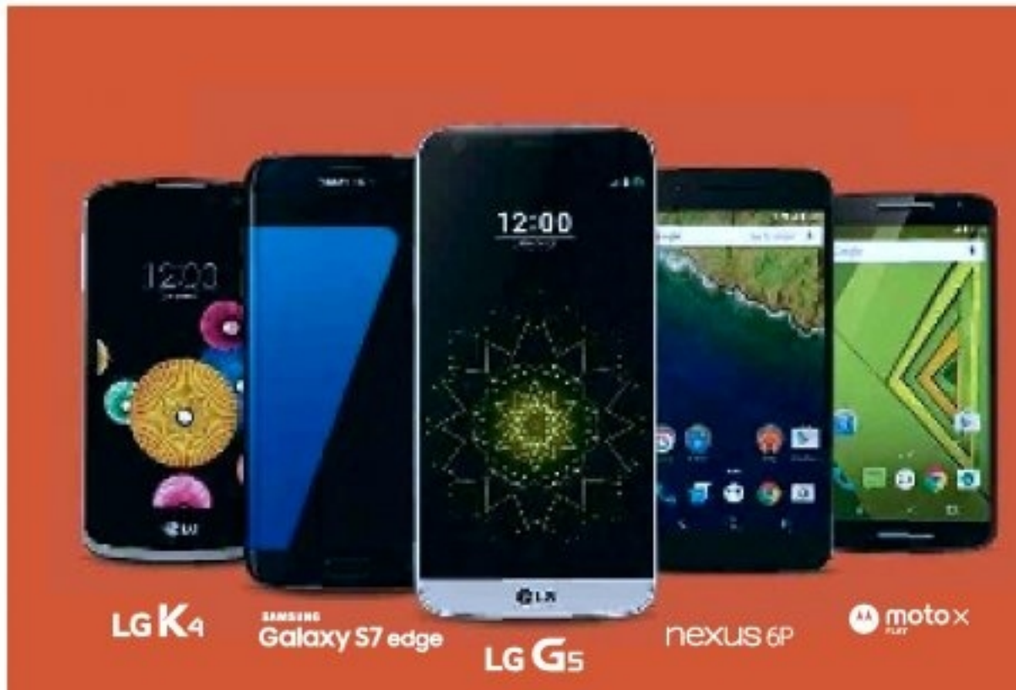
"That's what made our connection so great. She wasn't competitive or mean spirited. She just had jokes about our families," Morgan said.

The last time Morgan spoke to her childhood playmate was last year, before Morgan left for Boston and Bobb became pregnant with her third child.

Two friends assuming they would see each other again, they talked about connecting when Morgan was next in Toronto.

"We hugged and she told me how proud she was of me. She updated me on family stuff (our families were close) and how her kids were doing. But she wouldn't stop talking about how proud she was of me," Morgan said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Candice Rochelle Bobb's friends and family remember her for her optimism, positivity and jovial laugh. CONTRIBUTED



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Moviegoers prepare to watch Mean Girls at last year's Christie Pits Film Festival. COURTESY ELISE CUVELIER/ CHRISTIE PITS FILM FESTIVAL

Green screen grows again

FILM

Christie Pits festival ramps up with biggest ever schedule

Shane Perusse
Metro | Toronto

When Emily Reid came to Toronto in 2009 she felt there was a cultural void in residential neighborhoods that only movies could fill.

So, in 2011, she founded the Christie Pits Film Festival. From its humble beginnings in the west end park, the event has grown into Toronto's largest outdoor film event.

This week, the festival released its largest and most ambitious program to date, spanning nine nights and featuring everything from Jim Carrey in The Truman Show to a screening of the classic vampire flick Nosferatu, accompanied by a live score.

THE LOWDOWN

The Christie Pits Film Festival runs from June 26 to Aug. 28. Visit christiepitsff.com.

"I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished," Reid said. "It's been a personal achievement. I think we're really challenging our audience with less mainstream titles."

Local Toronto filmmakers have contributed two of the features along with all of the shorts that will be played this summer under an overall theme of emotional and physical isolation.

With TIFF in the Park folding this year, Reid said there's extra pressure to put on the city's premiere outdoor film series.

"This is the most ambitious program we've ever put on, she said. "Most festivals don't put on so many shorts and we've worked very hard to pair those with our features."

Part of the feast of filmmaking will coincide with the last night of Pride and in the spirit of diversity, she will be dedicating that evening to three transgender films.

"The films themselves are what inspire us to put them on," Reid said. "But we're happy we can be a part of Pride."

MILLENNIAL MOVIE

Focus on a life less fortunate

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

From student debt to unprecedented unemployment, a new documentary is shining a light on the plight of millennials in Toronto.

My Millennial Life, set to premiere later this month at Bloor Cinema, chronicles five young people coming of age in an economic downturn.

Film director and producer Maureen Judge said news of increasing youth unemployment is what pushed her to embark on the project.

"The numbers are staggering and I thought it's an absolute tragedy," she said of reports of youth unemployment hovering about 20 per cent in Toronto.

As a mother of two millennials, Judge "could definitely feel that pain."

"They weren't even able to begin to fulfill their dreams," she said. Her film follows three young Toronto graduates and two American youths as they traverse adulthood. They struggle to find freelance work or toil while pursuing their dreams of rock and roll stardom or tech startup success.

"Millennials are having to reimagine their world by becoming more creative," said Judge, praising the subjects' energy and optimism. "They just don't believe they can't succeed."

Tim, one of the subjects of My Millennial Life. CONTRIBUTED

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Boost for affordable housing

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City to get powers to make developers set aside units

Groundbreaking provincial legislation being introduced Wednesday will give Toronto and other Ontario municipalities long-awaited tools to force builders to include affordable housing as part of new residential developments, Torstar News Service has learned.

But municipalities will also be required to contribute to the cause by offering development charge rebates, density bonuses and property tax waivers, according to sources familiar with the legislation.

If passed and used by Ontario municipalities, it would be a first in Canada.

Manitoba passed so-called "inclusionary zoning" in December 2013. But to date, no city in that province has exercised the new power, which allows municipalities to require residential developers to build a certain percentage of their units for low- or moderate-income households.

Construction cranes poke through the Toronto skyline. RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vancouver and Montreal have planning policies that promote affordable housing in private developments, but they don't require developers to actually build the units.

Ontario's proposed Promoting Affordable Housing Act would prohibit developers from offering cities cash instead of affordable units or building the housing on another site, sources say.

> **"The amount of development this city is seeing and the amount of need is tremendous.**
> Coun. Ana Bailao

Developers would also be barred from launching Ontario Municipal Board appeals of inclusionary zoning official plan policies and zoning bylaws.

The legislation, being introduced by Housing Minister Ted McMeekin, is expected to be passed late this year or early in 2017. Toronto, which has been urging Queen's Park to introduce inclusionary zoning for more than a decade, is eager to act.

"This legislation is extremely important for Toronto," said Coun. Ana Bailao, chair of the city's affordable housing committee. "The amount of development this city is seeing and the amount of need is tremendous."

Toronto chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat, who has said the new powers would be "transformational," estimates the city could have created 12,000 new affordable homes in the past five years under inclusionary zoning. And that is if just 10 per cent of new units were mandated to be affordable in developments of more than 300 units. Instead, fewer than 3,700 affordable rental and ownership units have been built in that time through existing programs.

Developers have warned the city and Queen's Park that affordable housing isn't free.

"There are costs associated with creating these units," said Joe Vaccaro, chief executive officer of the Ontario Homebuilders Association. "Inclusionary zoning is a tool that needs to be supported by the appropriate financial and planning incentives."

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IN BRIEF

Police arrest two men wanted in bank robberies

Two men in their 20s are facing charges in a bank robbery investigation. Police say four banks were hit between March and May, two in York and Durham regions and two in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man sought after stabbing

Toronto police are looking a man who allegedly stabbed a teenager in York Tuesday. A police spokesperson said the suspect has been described as a black man in his 40s, last seen wearing a brown jacket. Paramedics took the boy to hospital in serious, but non-life-threatening condition.

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Nail salons busted for alleged illegal gaming

Three people are facing charges after police busted two west-end Toronto nail salons for alleged illegal gaming. Police say the investigation was initiated following complaints from the community and Toronto's bylaw office.

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Violations hit home for tenants

HOUSING

Mould, leaky sinks and pests among issues in buildings

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

Brian Rickey has lived in the apartment tower at 1501 Woodbine Ave. for six years.

The 1960s-era high-rise was once the "gem of East York," home to famous hockey players and a luxury indoor pool, he says.

But now, he and his fellow tenants confront mould, bad plumbing, broken elevators, warped floors, crumbling balconies and caved-in ceilings, Rickey said.

"You name it, this building's got it," he said.

1501 Woodbine ranks fourth on a new list of Toronto's most-inspected buildings, having racked up 145 violations since 2014.

LandlordWatch.com was launched Wednesday by ACORN Canada and RentLogic. The site uses City of Toronto data to rank what it calls Toronto's "worst" landlords and properties by the number of violations issued by city inspectors.

"Generally speaking, there is not a level playing field between tenants and landlords, but we can help level the playing field by making this data available," RentLogic's Yale Fox told Metro.

Ildiko Farkas lives on the 19th floor at 1501 Woodbine. She told Metro she's complained repeatedly to property management about the door to her bathroom.

"The bathroom lock was so old, it got stuck and we had to break it down to get my son out," she said.

Farkas said her family has struggled with water leaking from the ceiling and mould growing in her grandson's bedroom. "I don't want to move because the school is here," she said.

Her cousin, Henrietta Farkas, lives on the third floor.

"The cockroaches aren't scared," she said. "They crawl under the door from the hallway."

The building is owned by Arsandco Investments. MetCap property management took over the building's operation a year ago, but Farkas said little has changed.

"I cannot use my bathroom sink because it leaks everywhere. I have complained but still they don't do anything," she said.

MetCap president Brent Merrill told Metro his company was hired to bring change to the troubled building after a changing-of-the-guard at Arsandco.

"The people who own the building are investing lots of capital to bring it up to the MetCap standard," he said.

"When we took over, there were 60 in-suite related violations, and not a single one now."

The city's Municipal Licensing and Standards confirmed MetCap had a plan and timeline in place to address outstanding violation orders and inspectors would be on site to ensure the work is done.

Left: Ildiko Farkas points to the mould growing in her grandson's bedroom at 1501 Woodbine Ave. **Top right:** The balconies at 1501 Richmond St. are slowly crumbling. The city has ordered the landlords to take action. **Bottom right:** Bryan Rickey lives at 1501 Woodbine Ave., which activists say is the city's second-worst rental building. STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

PUBLIC DATA NOT EASY TO ACCESS

Although the data LandlordWatch relied on is publicly available, it isn't exactly easy to access.

RentLogic's Yale Fox said his team was able to figure out the bulk datasets the city releases to identify addresses and building violations, but identifying the landlords themselves was a bigger challenge.

"You have to go to city hall where there is a computer running Windows 95," Fox said. "There is no keyboard so you have to key in each address with a little mouse."

"I had to do this for a few hundred landlords. Everyone who walked in was confused by the system."

Landlords

LandlordWatch's list of most-cited landlords, ranked by violations issued by city inspectors since 2014:

1. **Toronto Community Housing Corp.**
2. **Havcare Investments Inc.**
3. **Bnai Fishel Corporation**
4. **Arsandco Investments**
5. **Q Reit Sub Lp**
6. **Akelius Canada Inc**
7. **Gupta Rakesh, Gupta Swarash**
8. **2021349 Ontario Limited**
9. **Imh 15 Eva Ltd**
10. **2255761 Ontario Limited, Bell-Am Apts. Limited**

Buildings

LandlordWatch's list of most-cited buildings, ranked by violations issued by city inspectors since 2014:

1. 500 Dawes Rd. — Havcare Investments Inc. — 174 violations
2. 1501 Woodbine Ave. — Arsandco Investments Inc. — 145
3. 104-105 West Lodge Ave. — Bnai Fishel Corp. — 138
4. 275 Bleecker St. — Toronto Community Housing Corporation — 130
5. 15 Eva Rd. — IMH 15 Eva Ltd. — 83
6. 34 Heydon Park Rd. — Gupta Rakesh, Gupta Swarash — 82
7. 650 Parliament St. — Parwell Investments Inc. & Bleeman Holdings Inc. — 79
8. 126 Bellamy Rd. North — 2255761 Ontario Limited, Bell-Am Apartments Limited — 76
9. 125 Lawton Blvd. — Robertson, Alexander —73
10. 20 Pell St. — Raimondo Puopolo Corp. — 64

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Bill C-16 gives Grand Marshal hope

Vivek Shraya, left, and Aydian Dowling have been announced as Grand Marshals for this year's Toronto Pride Festival. It's the first year a transgender man and woman will be leading the parade.
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PRIDE FESTIVAL

Feds' bill would assure legal protections under Charter

Shane Perusse
For Metro | Toronto

Last year Vivek Shraya was walking through Parkdale when a passing motorist hit her with garbage and screamed "tranny."

The incident was jarring, but Shraya, just announced as a Grand Marshal for this year's Toronto Pride festival, says a federal bill introduced Tuesday makes her hopeful for the future.

Bill C-16 would guarantee legal and human rights protection to transgender people under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"This bill is a significant gesture towards the trans community," Shraya said. "It's important to make the distinction between people who identify as a specific gender and people who use gender to express themselves."

Many Toronto residents see the bill as a step toward greater protection for trans people seeking fair treatment in housing, health-care and employment.

"I went from being a vice-president to almost living on the street," said Toronto Pride director Rachel Clark, who identifies as a transgender woman. "I learned there is a lot of risk that comes with being who you are. This bill is a huge statement."

Trans activist and bodybuilder Aydian Dowling will be joining Shraya as the International Grand Marshal, making 2016 the first year not one, but two trans people will hold those titles in the Pride festival.

Tory pledges city will lead the rights fight

As the federal government moved to protect transgender Canadians, Toronto's mayor promised his city will lead the fight for gay and trans rights.

John Tory told people at a city hall raising of the rainbow flag Tuesday that, travelling abroad, he learned his city is best known for its ability to "take people as they come, celebrate people as they come.

"In the U.S. there are states that are banning trans men and women from public bathrooms, while here in Toronto we have built . . . at Regent Park some of the most gender-inclusive facilities in the world," said Tory.

That bill would, if passed, make it illegal to prevent someone from getting a job or to discriminate in the workplace on the basis of gender identity.

Asked what has changed for trans people in the past decade, Nicki Ward said before the flag-raising: "Well, I'm not being arrested for standing here so that is certainly a step forward.

"The bill is designed to stop discrimination on the basis of gender identity — housing, education, employment, access to social service. It's a chance, if it passes, for trans people to engage in full citizenship — it's a very, very big deal."

Tory was joined by more than a dozen councillors to raise the flag marking the annual International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

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A large crowd gathers at Toronto City Hall to watch as a rainbow flag is raised by Mayor John Tory along with members of the LGTBQ community, marking the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Transgender plan unveiled

EQUALITY

Guidelines aim to outlaw hate speech, discrimination

For years, transgender Canadians had to come up with creative arguments in front of courts and commissions to link discrimination against them with existing human rights laws.

The human rights laws extend some protections to transgender people under the sex discrimination category, but there have been few cases before the federal human rights tribunal, so the scope of the protections themselves has not been all that clear.

The same situation exists for hate speech and hate crime laws: violence against transgender persons may have been captured before, but it wasn't clearly spelled out.

Legislation the government introduced Tuesday would clarify all of that, adding gender identity and expression to human rights and hate crime laws.

Charlie Lowthian-Rickert, who is transgender, speaks along side Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, right, as she makes an announcement in the foyer of the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Thank goodness this bill is passing because it will protect us from … hateful propaganda, assaults, rape — stuff like that," said Charlie Lowthian-Rickert, who was born a boy but identifies as a girl.

"It could protect us and stop the people who would have just gone off and done it in the past and discriminated or assaulted us. Now it could be stopping them and then basically punishing them if they actually do it," the 10-year-old said during a morning news conference alongside the federal justice minister.

> **Thank goodness this bill is passing.**
> Charlie Lowthian-Rickert

The bill still has numerous steps before it becomes law. The NDP tried unsuccessfully to fast-track the measure through the House of Commons on Tuesday, arguing it was similar to a private member's bill the Commons approved in the last Parliament with cross-party support.

That bill, from New Democrat Randall Garrison, languished in the Senate before it was ultimately gutted and died when the election was called.

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose said she's prepared to vote for the new bill, but opposition remains in the Senate where Conservative Don Plett said he's not ready to support the measure.

On his way into the Commons, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he expects the Senate to recognize the rights contained in the bill.

The legislation would, if passed, make it illegal under the Canadian Human Rights Act to deny someone a job or to discriminate in the workplace on the basis of the gender they identify with or outwardly express.

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METRO EXPLAINS

What to know about the trans bill

Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

WHAT IS IN THE BILL?

The legislation includes provisions to make it illegal to discriminate against someone in the workplace because they identify as a different gender, and would see the Criminal Code updated to extend hate speech laws to protect transgender people.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR TRANS PEOPLE?

This means if someone is targeted in a crime because of their gender identity or gender expression, judges would have to consider that aspect of the crime as an aggravating factor.

HOW WILL IT BE ENFORCED?

Similar to current enforcement around any hate speech or human rights violation law. It would simply mean gender identity and expression would also be protected under the law.

WHAT CAN BE IMPROVED?

Several advocates say this is an important first step but it's impossible at this point to know how effective it will be.

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose.
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ambrose to back bill

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose says she plans to vote in favour of the Liberal government's proposed transgender-rights legislation.

Ambrose says she will allow her caucus colleagues to vote as they wish.

That is a change from the last time such legislation came forth, when Ambrose and the majority of her colleagues voted against a bill introduced by New Democrat Randall Garrison. One of them was Michelle Rempel, who argued at the time that the law and courts already protected transgender people and that the bill was little more than a symbolic gesture. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Islanders left with a little less of Lennox

ENVIRONMENT

Sea levels and coastal erosion taking more and more land

Back when he was in his 20s, Dave Haley often watched from his kitchen window as children played baseball in the field behind his home. But now at the age of 65, less than 20 feet of soil remains between his tidy green bungalow and the glistening waters of Malpeque Bay.

Lennox Island — off the northwest coast of Prince Edward Island — is in a battle with the sea. The sea is winning.

"It's devastating. This is our home," Haley said.

Lennox Island — like the rest of Prince Edward Island — is vulnerable to coastal erosion because it's made of sand and sandstone. There is no hard bedrock.

Dave Haley and a neighbourhood dog walk along the shore in Lennox Island, P.E.I.. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Sea levels have been rising over the last 100 years and the land itself is lowering a little bit," said Adam Fenech, director of the climate research lab at the University of Prince Edward Island.

"There has been a 10 to 20 per cent increase in the number and magnitude of storms. And there has been a loss of ice cover, primarily in the months where we do seem to have some storm surges, which is in December and January," he said.

Fenech said Lennox Island isn't the only low-lying area of the province, but the amount of land loss has been significant. According to Meachums Atlas of 1880, Lennox Island was 1,520 acres in size. By 2010 it was down to just 1,240 acres.

"Most of it lies just a metre or two above sea level, therefore it is particularly vulnerable to flooding, coastal erosion and storm surges," he said.

Lennox Island has just 118 homes and a population of 475 people — members of the Lennox Island First Nation.

"We are on a small, finite island. We have infrastructure that needs protecting," said Chief Matilda Ramjattan.

She said most people on the island don't talk about the rising waters, but realize that homes should not be built in some areas. She has hope that someone will find a way to protect the land they still have.

"This is our home. We're a resilient people. We'll do what we have to," she said.

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CONFRONTATION

Gym-goer is 'body shamed' by request

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa woman says she was humiliated and "body shamed" when staff at an Orleans gym said her chest was "too large" for her tank top.

Jenna Vecchio was working out with her husband on Saturday at Movati when a female supervisor confronted her about her attire. She was told people complained about her top.

Vecchio says she was embarrassed and confused, since other women wore similar tops. She and her husband left without finishing their workout.

"I felt humiliated," Vecchio told Metro.

She was told by staff that she could finish her workout — in a t-shirt.

Movati spokesperson Sean Whittal says members are asked to wear "modest athletic attire" and Vecchio's top was seen as contrary to the gym's dress code.

"While in no way did we intend to embarrass her, we did feel we had to address the issue," Whittal responded in an email.

The gym says it is looking into the matter.

Jenna Vecchio says she felt humiliated. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Flames and smoke rising off Highway 63 outside Fort McMurray, Alta., on May 7. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Evacuation frustrates workers

ALBERTA

Wildfires near Fort McMurray grew to 355,000 hectares

Helen Pike and Jeremy Simes
Metro | Calgary

Fort McMurray-area fires have stopped oil and gas companies in their tracks as 8,000 workers, some flown in the same day, were forced from camps with the imminent threat of danger.

Matt Breen has been away from his two daughters since February working in Fort McMurray when he was evacuated. But it wasn't long before his company called him back from New Brunswick, asking if he wanted to fly up for a few more weeks and finish the job.

"I didn't really do any research to see what was going on with the fire, I just assumed it was done, I didn't think it was that bad," Breen said. When he landed at Firebag airport he could smell and feel the smoke in the air, but didn't think much of it.

Breen said he was about to go get something to eat Monday night when the fire alarm went off and announcements came over loud speakers to let workers know buses were on their way and the fire was headed towards the camp.

Bryan Wheller was evacuated on Monday just up the road from the flames at Noralta Lodge.

He flew out to the Noralta lodge and witnessed the chaos firsthand as camps short on buses and busy with staff scrambled to evacuate for the second time.

Wheller said there weren't enough buses to take all the evacuees, so he waited near the Noralta camp for about six hours.

"They wouldn't tell us what was going on," he said. "I just think it's ridiculous.

On Tuesday, government officials assured evacuees that planes and buses will be made available to fly or drive them out.

Premier Rachel Notley told reporters the fire grew to 355,000 hectares overnight from 285,000 hectares, adding Noralta and Birch Creek lodges are currently at risk as firefighters focus on saving those facilities.

The majority of evacuees were ordered to go north, where many of them wound up two weeks ago when they fled their homes.

Wheller said the push to flee north made no sense.

"They didn't really have an evacuation plan," he said. "If they didn't know, why not bus them down south where there are more services?"

OILSANDS

Experts say facilities are safe

Wildfires that ravaged some neighbourhoods in Fort McMurray are now chewing through the wilderness further north, where major oilsands projects are located. But experts and officials say they aren't expecting serious harm to the oil-producing facilities. Here's why:

There's a built-in buffer zone: Oilsands projects are built in such a way that there's a lot of empty space between facilities and forest. There's little in the way of fuel at the industrial sites to feed the ravenous flames.

Bitumen doesn't catch fire easily: Fire needs oxygen to grow, and there's no way for it to get into the oil-soaked sand and clay, said Raj Mehta, a professor of oil and gas engineering at the University of Calgary.

Ditto, tailings ponds: Tailings ponds hold the waste product that's left over from the oilsands extraction process - and they're huge. The ponds contain used water, sand, clay and residual bitumen. But the amount of bitumen is too small to pose a danger, Mehta said. "I think that's the biggest myth people worry about," he said. "Lots of people think that this whole lake, huge lake, is going to catch fire - no. The answer is no."

The dangerous stuff is underground: Oilsands projects rely on natural gas and diluent, a very light petroleum product, to make the tarry oilsands crude thin enough to flow through pipelines. The pipes that carry those substances are buried underground.

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U.S. campaign spending soars

POLITICS

2012 election set records, this one will be no different

Mitt Romney won the Republican primary. Then he became an invisible man.

The 2012 presidential election was four months away, then three, then two. Romney trailed in the polls. Yet his schedule of public events was tiny, the candidate nowhere to be seen for hours on end. Unless you had a pile of cash to spare.

Romney was theoretically running for president. In reality, he was spending most of his summer trying to convince rich people to give him money.

"It is something to see a candidate go and spend seven, eight, nine hours a day raising money, get back on a plane, all the reporters write that you're not really campaigning, and then you write cheques — and at least 50 per cent of what you've raised goes to the parent organizations of the press in the back of the plane," the campaign's chief strategist, Stuart Stevens, said this week.

The 2012 campaign set a record for U.S. election spending: $7 billion. Four years later, there has never before been so much candidate talk about the evils of money in politics — and this campaign will almost certainly set another record.

Some of the cash will go to old-fashioned staples like yard signs and brochures and drab offices and the organizers to staff them. Some will go to newfangled necessities like social media monitoring and voter microtargeting. But by far the biggest chunk will go to TV ads.

Even though those ads almost always have a small impact on the outcome. At all levels, campaigns and their allies keep raising more money and then spending it on TV. They do it for the same reason people climb Mount Everest, said Tom Korologos, a Bush donor and former ambassador to Belgium.

$7B

The new record in campaign spending set in 2012.

"Because it's there," he said.

The money is there in large part because of Citizens United — the 2010 Supreme Court decision that lets corporations give unlimited sums to Super PACs, quasi-independent spending groups that are free to run ads promoting particular candidates.

It's also there in part because George W. Bush and Obama decided to do their own fundraising instead of using the public financing system created after the Watergate scandal. Bush opted out of the public system for the 2000 primaries. Obama then effectively killed the system for good in 2008.

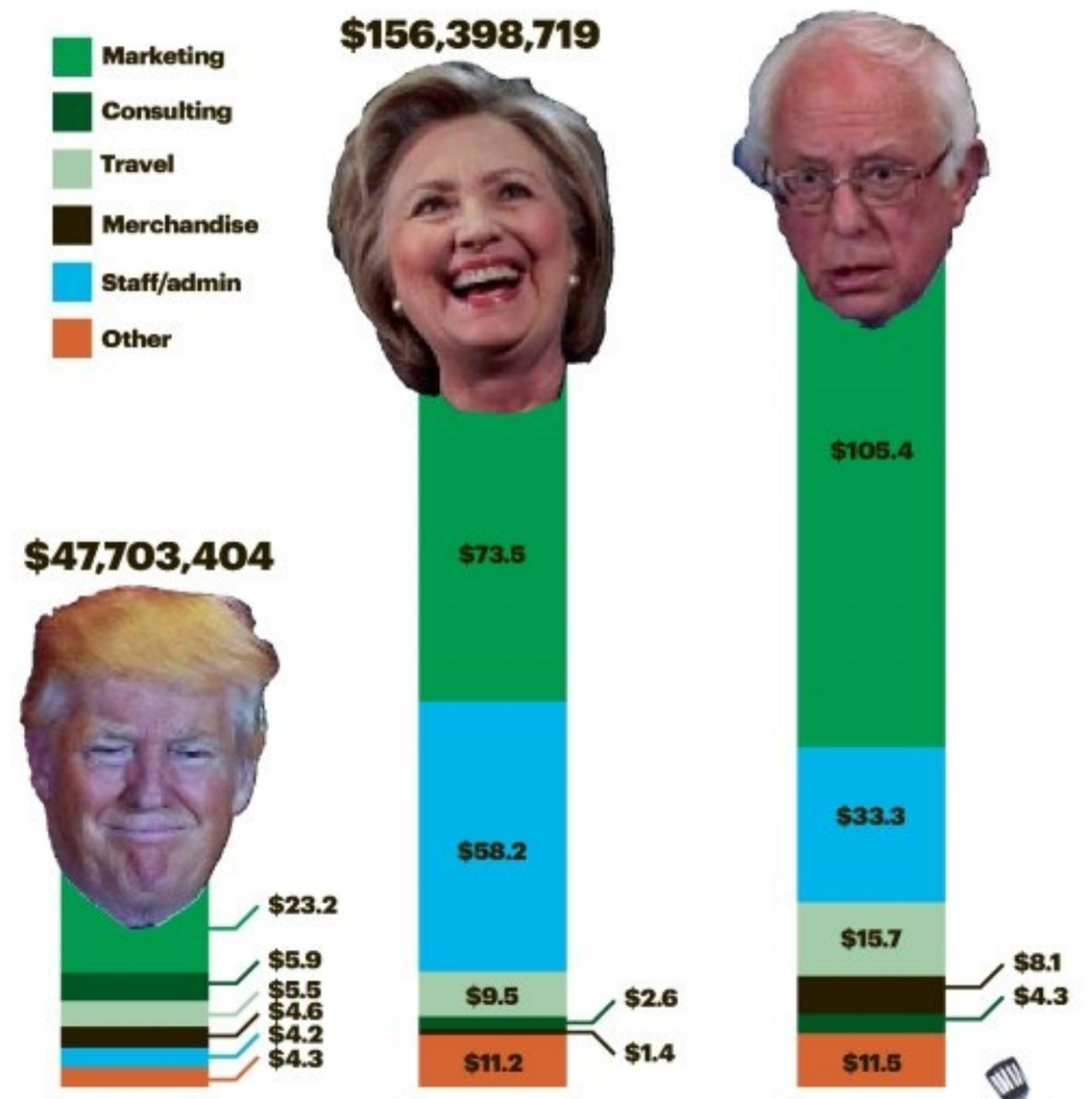
This presidential election could be cheaper than expected. After insulting big donors and failing to invest in fundraising, Republican nominee Donald Trump may find it difficult to secure the $1 billion Romney and Obama did and Hillary Clinton easily will. But that doesn't mean activist Republican tycoons are going to squirrel away their money. There's a Senate and House to save.

"If the Koch brother network is not spending a billion bucks on the presidential race, then they're spending a billion bucks on congressional seats," said Ken Goldstein, a University of San Francisco politics professor.

A congressional district is roughly equivalent to a Canadian riding.

David Trone, owner of a chain of wine and beer stores, wanted to be a congressman, but few voters even knew who he was. He introduced himself by spending a record $12.6 million of his own fortune. Trone lost, providing fodder for advertising skeptics who were crowing about Bush's expensive catastrophe. But he managed to come second in an impressive nine-candidate field.

The research is clear, said UCLA political science professor Lynn Vavreck: TV ads usually have a minor impact that dissipates within a day or two. But there's a caveat. If there is an imbalance in the number of ads the candidates are running, the candidate with more might benefit. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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A new Super Pac emerges

In every campaign-spending crisis there is campaign-spending opportunity. Ben Walters, who did fundraising for a Super PAC backing Republican Ben Carson, is now trying to capitalize on donor angst about TV ads. In April, the 27-year-old and two others launched a new Super PAC: Amish PAC. Its goal is to persuade conservative Amish communities to vote for Trump. Those communities don't have televisions.

"For our donors, they're tired of their dollars being spent inefficiently on high-priced TV and Internet ad campaigns," Walters said. "I can blanket Amish country for about three months for $40,000, and I'll definitely turn out more votes per dollar than Jeb Bush's team."

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NEW ENGLAND

Meteor lights up dashcam

A police sergeant looking for speeders captured a fireball streaking across the sky on his dashboard camera early Tuesday.

The bright flash visible from several states was apparently left by a meteor burning up as it passed through Earth's atmosphere. Other people and webcams also captured images of the fireball.

The American Meteor Society reported more than 400 sightings in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and parts of Canada.

Portland police Sgt. Tim Farris was parked in front of the Central Fire Station when his camera captured the meteor lighting up the sky around 12:50 a.m.

A fireball streaks across the sky at Portsmouth Harbor early Tuesday.
PORTSMOUTHWEBCAM.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another officer who was chatting with him, Graham Hults, was heard exclaiming, "Oh, my God!"

Based on the brightness, the object was likely a space rock somewhere between the size of a toaster and a refrigerator when it entered the atmosphere, said Geoff Chester, spokesman for the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.

Webcams in Portsmouth Harbor in New Hampshire and at the Burlington International Airport in Vermont captured the fireball. Video surfaced from other sources, including another officer in Plattsburgh, New York, and a motorist on the Everett Turnpike in New Hampshire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Attacks in Baghdad

A wave of bombings struck outdoor markets and a restaurant in Shiite-dominated neighbourhoods of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 69 people, officials said — the latest in a string of attacks claimed by Daesh which have left more than 200 dead the past week.

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Russia builds military camp in Palmyra

Russia has built a military encampment inside a zone that holds the UNESCO world heritage site in the ancient Syrian town of Palmyra, where Daesh militants were driven out recently by pro-government forces.

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CRISIS

Migrant smuggling network worth $6B

Smuggling networks cashing in on the huge flow of migrants into Europe had an estimated turnover last year of up to $6 billion, international law enforcement agencies said Tuesday.

They said that the number of people trying to reach the European Union is expected to increase, with some 800,000 waiting in Libya to cross the Mediterranean. More than 1.2 million people applied for asylum in the EU last year.

A summary published Tuesday of a joint Europol and Interpol report also warned: "There is an increased risk that foreign terrorist fighters may use migratory flows" to sneak into Europe. It noted that two extremists involved in the deadly rampage in Paris on Nov. 13 last year entered the EU through Greece as part of the influx of migrants from Syria.

Europol said an estimated 90 per cent of all migrants entering the European Union have their trip facilitated by smugglers, sometimes helped by corrupt officials paid off to ensure boats are released and vehicles allowed to pass borders.

Europol Director Rob Wainwright said the report "describes the huge role played by organized-crime networks in the migration crisis and sends a clear message to the EU and its member states that we must combat these networks in the strongest possible terms."

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Debts rise in risky loans

FINANCE

Sub-prime loans growing in Canada

Canada's riskiest borrowers are taking on bigger debt burdens, pushing national average debt levels up nearly three per cent in the first quarter of 2016.

TransUnion's latest quarterly credit review found that the average Canadian's non-mortgage debt rose to $21,348 in the first quarter of 2016, up 2.7 per cent from the first quarter of 2015.

5.7%

Sub-prime borrowers saw their credit card balance grow by 5.7 per cent.

Borrowers classified as subprime by TransUnion's risk measure saw their average credit card balance grow by 5.7 per cent year-over-year to $6,601. The majority of borrowers, those with prime or above ratings, actually reduced their balances.

TransUnion found that balances on instalment loans — a relatively new high-interest product — grew 4.83 per cent year-over-year to an average $23,591. Individuals who do not qualify for lower interest bank loans are most likely to resort to these short-term loans, which can carry annual interest rates as high as 59.9 per cent.

Subprime borrowers comprise just 13 per cent of the 26 million credit profiles TransUnion tracks in Canada, said Jason Wang, TransUnion's director of research and analysis for Canada.

"Subprime has grown, but it is still very small," he said. "This is a relatively new trend … but it's not the end of the world."

TransUnion also found that serious delinquency rates increased three per cent in the first quarter of 2016. The largest increases were booked in provinces most affected by the oil price slump — Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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Hudson's Bay Company, which owns Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord & Taylor and Hudson's Bay department stores, is expanding its operations to the Netherlands. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NETHERLANDS

Hudson's Bay going Dutch

Hudson's Bay Company, North America's oldest retailer, is setting up shop in the Netherlands.

The storied company announced Tuesday it is opening up to 20 stores in the country over the next two years as part of an aggressive European expansion plan.

It marks the first time the iconic Canadian brand, which was founded primarily as a fur trading company in 1670, is making its foray outside the country under the Bay banner.

Hudson's Bay is in the process of finalizing long-term leases, with the first locations expected to be open in the summer of 2017.

Its chairman said Netherlands was an obvious choice for expansion.

"There is a strong affinity to Canadians in the Netherlands," said Richard Baker, who is also the retailer's governor, citing the two countries' Allied relationship during the Second World War.

The company said it is aiming to have 17 of the new locations run as stand-alone HBC stores and the other three operate under the Saks Off 5th banners. Some of the Saks discount stores will be inside the HBC locations.

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Time to ditch Twitter limit

Many Twitter users — and more importantly, the billions more who don't use Twitter — feel constrained by the company's somewhat archaic 140 -

Whoops! That's what happens when you hit the character limit imposed by Twitter. Is it time to ditch it as Twitter searches for ways to grow?

The limit was created so tweets would fit in a single text message, back when people used Twitter that way. And Twitter users already employ creative ways to get around it. They send out multi-part tweets, or take screenshots of text.

CEO Jack Dorsey called the limit a "beautiful constraint" that inspires creativity, brevity and a "sense of speed." Twitter, he wrote, will never lose the feeling.

But a news report this week, citing unnamed people, said the company was planning to stop counting Web links and photos in the 140 characters. Twitter declined to comment on the Bloomberg report.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
ON JUSTIN'S 'UNOFFICAL' SPOUSE

The real cause of the media backlash against Sophie is her husband, who once said his family was rich. That, to conservatives' ears, meant taxpayers shouldn't have to cover his family's lifestyle. Or his wife's public-service aims.

I feel for officially useless Sophie Gregoire Trudeau. She must have known there would be more days like this.

In the sequel to Nannygate, she told a Le Soleil reporter that she needs more help to respond to charities and nonprofits, and generally "serve the public." That was the spark that lit the fire — though it required a lot of hot air to really get the blaze going.

"We don't need a First Lady," said the Sun, and, for once, it's right. Good thing we don't have one. If we did, Gregoire Trudeau might be asking for Michelle Obama's 24-strong staff.

Others accused her of benefiting from another "entitled" government position, as if a spousal role to the prime minister were not also a government role. To say Canada has a "no official spouse" policy is tantamount to calling a tomato a fruit: objectively true, practically useless.

Of course spouses have political roles. We should be grateful they're not set in stone, that our prime minsters' wives have been able to choose how much free labour to undertake on behalf of Canadians while their husbands run the nation.

What seems to irk the irked is that Gregoire Trudeau is failing to count her blessings.

To say Canada has a 'no official spouse' policy is to call a tomato a fruit: objectively true, practically useless.

"And then here came Grégoire Trudeau — with two nannies at home, a cook, housekeepers and no official duties — lamenting about how she is overburdened," wrote Robyn Urback in the National Post. Well, those are not Sophie's staff and hers only. Suggesting they're "hers" implies that, by virtue of being a woman, Sophie would naturally be in charge of all the cooking, cleaning and child rearing.

DON'T FENCE HER IN Some pundits seem to want Sophie Gregoire Trudeau to be a humble homemaker and nothing else. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In truth, Sophie has a single assistant, and even one or two more wouldn't make her anomalous in our history. It might be more than Laureen Harper had (a fact I haven't been able to confirm but seems assumed by every conservative columnist and eager-to-pounce NDP critic) but it would match Mila Mulroney's three staff, never mind her office on Parliament Hill.

It's also overreaching — and patronizing — for pundits to suggest the people most offended by Sophie's request for help are other working mothers, to imagine them a unified group with unified anger. Some might be mad, some supportive, and none should be used as political pawns.

But the real cause of all this backlash — surprise, surprise — is Sophie's husband. He once said that his family was rich and in need of less tax relief than less wealthy Canadians. That, to conservatives' ears, meant he was willing to pay his own way, and his wife's, while in government. Thus, taxpayers shouldn't have to cover his family's lifestyle. Or, apparently, his wife's public-service aims.

The suggestion is that our leaders' "entitlements" should be determined by how rich they are. Super rich? Pay for your own staff! Not-so-super rich? Oh, all right — we'll cover you. Oddly, no one has yet come forward with the appropriate net worth/staffing ratio.

What's clear is that Sophie won't soon escape from her critics. So let's end with some advice for you, Sophie, on how to please everyone. Shouldn't be too hard.

1. You can use your role to promote Canadian causes that everyone can agree are good (your choice of women's health and self-esteem is suitable), but do not expect any compensation or assistance. Truthfully, if you decide to be a stay-at-home mum and suspend any professional independence, that would be easier for all involved. Oh, and while you should always be with your kids, don't be photographed with them too much lest it be seen as political posturing.

2. Make a good aesthetic impression on our behalf at all times, but note that your expensive clothing in Vogue upset people. Then again, H&M and Joe Fresh aren't the most ethical. And naked is also not an option. Perhaps stay home?

3. Since you come off as elitist, do something common, like spontaneously bursting into song. Oh, wait ...

4. Remember that you have no official role, and therefore no obligation to the Canadian public, except to follow these rules, and all the other unwritten ones.

5. Finally, know that your mere existence as a modern, professional woman with good looks, effervescence and style is too flashy for Canada and unsettling for the patriarchy. In the end, it might be better to resign from your non-existent role. In fact, better you never even tried.

Liberals landmark trans legislation far from invincible

Tim Harper

It was a day rightly celebrated by the transgender community, but it was also a day to remember the human rights pioneers who went before and the ghosts who defeated them.

The introduction of a Liberal bill protecting transgender Canadians against denial of employment or workplace discrimination, and to extend hate laws under the Criminal Code to include gender identity and gender expression has been a long time coming.

There have been seven attempts to pass such legislation. This bill carries the full weight of a majority government.

Whether it is the passage of time or a natural evolution, some of the ghosts have been exorcised.

But not all, according to Bill Siksay, the former New Democrat from Burnaby-Douglas whose private member's bill on transgender rights, dubbed the "bathroom bill" by opponents, passed the Commons almost six years ago by a handful of votes, helped by the support of six Conservatives, including three cabinet ministers, who overrode the opposition of then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

His bill withered and died when the 2011 election was called.

Siksay, speaking from British Columbia Tuesday, told me he knows some views have moved, and it may — may — be viewed differently in the Senate this time.

"Other jurisdictions have done this and people will realize negative criticism is just dark fantasy of a very small minority of people," Siksay said.

Randall Garrison, another British Columbia New Democrat, whose private member's bill also died in the Senate, stood beside Liberal Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould Tuesday and asked the government to guarantee passage in the Senate.

It is a guarantee the government cannot deliver.

A year ago, the Senate ghosts of intolerance rose again.

"As a husband and father, I am worried about the effects of this proposed legislation on my family and on other Canadians, especially on women and children," said Senator Don Meredith of Garrison's bill, which actually won support of 18 Conservatives.

The legislation would allow "certain individuals" to prey on society's most vulnerable in bathrooms, Meredith proclaimed.

Then Meredith delivered this extraordinary assurance to fellow senators: "Certainly not all transgender people are sexual deviants."

Don Plett, a senator and former president of the Conservative party, proposed an amendment that would exclude federal "sex-specific" facilities like washrooms and change rooms from the bill.

Meredith and Plett remain in the Senate. Ghosts are still there.

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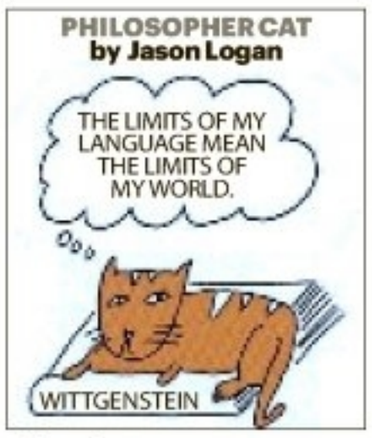

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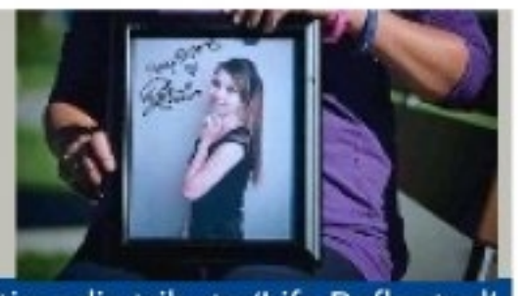

Words of Amanda Todd find new form in multimedia tribute 'Life Reflected'

BOOK EXCERPT **BATCH: OVER 200 RECIPES, TIPS & TECHNIQUES FOR A WELL PRESERVED KITCHEN**

Your new jam

Preserving is not just about jelly and pickles — Canadians Joel MacCharles and Dana Harrison give quick, easy and cheap meal ideas made from delicious local ingredients.

Peach bourbon BBQ Sauce

Yield: 4 - 5 half-pint jars
Effort: 30 minutes
Elapsed: 1 and 1/2 hours
Eat within: 1-2 years

The smoky flavors in this BBQ sauce come from a combination of lightly roasting the peaches and adding chipotle powder. We discovered the magic of ground chipotles while on vacation with our dear friends "the Pauls" a few years ago. This recipe is a tribute to them.

Ingredients:
- 5 lb peaches, about 17–21 peaches
- ¼ cup brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1 cup minced onion
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-inch piece ginger, minced
- 1¾ cups cider vinegar
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup bourbon
- 1½ Tbsp smoked paprika
- 2½ tsp salt 2½ tsp chipotle powder (grind whole chipotles if you don't have any)

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.

2. Cut the peaches in half and place on a rimmed baking sheet cut side up. Scatter the brown sugar over top. Roast until the peaches just begin to brown, 35–40 minutes.

3. Place the peaches, including any peach juice created during roasting, in a large pot. Add the onion, garlic, ginger, vinegar, honey, bourbon, paprika, salt, and chipotle powder and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Mash the peaches as they cook and keep at a simmer until the sauce reduces and thickens by half, about 15 minutes. Leave the sauce chunky or blend it smooth with an immersion blender.

4. Prepare your canning pot and rack, and sterilize your jars and lids.

5. Continue to reduce the sauce until it's as thick as you want it.

6. Remove the jars from the canner and turn the heat to high.

7. Fill the jars with the sauce, leaving ½ inch of headspace. Gently jostle the jars or use the handle of a spoon to release any air bubbles.

8. Wipe the rims of the jars, apply the lids, and process for 20 minutes (if you live higher than 1,000 feet above sea level, refer to the Adjust for Altitude chart on page 17 for additional processing time). Remove the jars and allow them to cool. Store in a dark, cool place in your kitchen.

Variations:
You can roast the peaches on the BBQ to increase the smoke flavor, but you will lose some of the precious juices. Replace the honey with 2½ cups brown sugar for a more traditional BBQ sauce.

Canter of the plate:
Add this to any BBQ dish; it can also be added to tomato sauce (page 332) for an interesting pizza sauce.

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PASS THE BATON

Relay For Life supports people whose lives have been affected by cancer. Below, four participants share their life-changing stories.

Meaningful Action

Melissa Rizzi, Relay For Life – Toronto

MELISSA RIZZI CONTRIBUTED

Toronto's Melissa Rizzi signed up for her first Relay For Life in memory of her mother, who died of cancer six years ago. Although Melissa had participated in many fundraisers in the past, something about this event resonated.

"My mom suffered from three types of cancer [lymphoma, breast and brain cancer]," says Rizzi. "She taught me everything except how to live without her."

Rizzi wanted to fight that feeling of helplessness. Four years ago, she and her colleagues from Mortgage Alliance formed a team to take part in the Canadian Cancer Society's signature fundraiser. At Relay For Life, they take turns passing the relay baton and join in on the track-side activities and ceremonies.

In Relay For Life, Rizzi also found something that her whole family could do together. "We wanted to give the kids a chance to learn about giving back," she says. "Now it's in their DNA. Last year, my son started his own team of 8- to 11-year-old boys. They were top fundraisers; who can say no to an adorable boy?"

> "She taught me everything except how to live without her."

For Rizzi, the event is about honouring loved ones and celebrating life. "There is such a great bond between everybody there." Rizzi uses Facebook and other social media tools to connect with friends and acquaintances to raise awareness and funds in support of the event. "It lets people know what's going on without being in their face," she explains. In the last two years alone, Rizzi's Relay For Life team raised almost $25,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Rizzi still misses her mother very much but, she says, participating in Relay For Life and being able to give back to the community "makes it so there is some value in the loss."

Community Cares

Caroline Smith, Relay For Life – Burlington

Peel Regional Police Constable Caroline Smith knows all about serving and protecting the community. Smith has been a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society since she was in high school, first selling daffodils and currently as a Cops for Cancer committee member.

CAROLINE SMITH CONTRIBUTED

In 2015, a year after being diagnosed with cervical cancer, Smith felt she needed to give back in a more personal way. "My sisters and four friends had done Relay For Life in the past, but I wanted to do more to raise funds," says the mother of two boys. "I decided to get my friends together, form our own team and make it a girls' night out."

Her first step was spreading awareness of the event and the Society's work. "I sent out an email to all of my friends who were close during my journey," she says. "Starting that email thread was also great for fundraising leading up to the event."

Smith's Relay For Life team is called Teal Power — named for the colour of ribbon associated with cervical cancer. They're excited to be back again in 2016. "The theme of the event this year is New York, New York," she says. "We have team shirts with our logo and we all bought matching tights."

Through her ongoing involvement with the Canadian Cancer Society, Smith knows the urgent need to raise funds for research. As a survivor and caregiver to her mother-in-law, she is also grateful for the vital support programs that the charity offers, such as rides to treatment and information and support services that help patients at a time when they are scared and feeling alone.

Though Smith participates in Relay For Life for personal reasons, one of the things she loves best about the event is how inclusive it is. "For me, the opening ceremony is the most emotional because it honours the survivors and their caregiving community," she says. "I love hearing everyone share their stories. It's nice to see everybody come together."

One for All

Sarah Metcalfe, Relay For Life – Ottawa East

Ottawa fitness-club owner Sarah Metcalfe is a woman of action. Five years ago, she had just been diagnosed with breast cancer when a Canadian Cancer Society volunteer came into one of Metcalfe's Curves clubs and asked to put up a poster for their local Relay For Life events.

"I told her about the diagnosis and she said, 'You have to go on the Survivors' Lap,'" recalls Metcalfe. "I hadn't even started treatment yet, but the volunteer said: 'You are a survivor from day one.' That was so touching to me. It made my heart feel good."

Even before her diagnosis, cancer had affected Metcalfe's life many times. Her husband is a bone-cancer survivor and the disease claimed her father, mother and uncles. Though the Relay was a few months away and she didn't know how her treatment would affect her, she formed a team, calling it "Cure. Care. Courage. Curves."

On the day of Metcalfe's first Relay For Life, she had just received chemotherapy. But she knew that if she felt her energy flagging, she could always pass the baton to her teammates. "That support was the most moving thing I've ever seen," she says.

Metcalfe likens her Relay For Life experience to her cancer journey. "Diagnosis is the Survivors' Lap because you begin moving toward the dark. Lighting the candles during the Luminary Ceremony is going forward to the dawn. And when it's over, you are starting the day with new hope."

> Everyone knows someone who has been touched by cancer.

Since her first Relay For Life, Metcalfe and her team have actively promoted the research and support programs that the Canadian Cancer Society provides through funds that are raised.

SARAH METCALFE (RIGHT) CONTRIBUTED

Metcalfe and her team have excelled at raising money. "We have bake sales and people selling key chains. We sell luminary candles and daffodils. And in Ottawa at the end of May, we take part in the Glebe Garage Sale," says Metcalfe. "All the profits go to Relay For Life." Last year, with the support of family, friends, co-workers and members of her three Curves locations, Metcalfe's team raised more than $12,000.

Although she does most of her fundraising at the local level, she wants to spread the word about Relay For Life events all across Canada. "Everyone knows someone who has been touched by cancer," she says. "And everybody has something to contribute."

Memories and Milestones

Terry Attrell, Relay For Life – Brampton

In 2013, Terry Attrell was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma — a rare and aggressive form of muscle cancer. The treatment was equally aggressive, but Attrell was determined to look forward to a cancer-free future.

"I was at home recovering and a link to Relay For Life popped up on my Facebook feed," she says. She liked the idea of an event that would let her celebrate with the friends and family who had supported her while also letting her honour loved ones she had lost to cancer.

By 2015, Attrell was well enough to participate in her first Relay For Life with her team: Keep Calm & Relay On.

"I signed up three weeks before the event," Attrell says. "I was nervous. I didn't know if I could do it." But she was comforted by the fact that Relay For Life is open to any age group or fitness level. "At that point in my recovery, I was able to walk for a bit before I had to pass the baton," she says. "That's what it's all about — supporting each other."

TERRY ATTRELL CONTRIBUTED

Attrell found the experience itself therapeutic. "I wanted to be with positive people and it was very healing being with everybody," she says. "And being able to raise money for research gave some purpose to all the pain." Though they only had three weeks to prepare, her team raised more than $5,000.

Today, Attrell is cancer-free. This year, she will back to celebrate the milestone and support those who are still fighting cancer. And she encourages others to get involved. "Because Relay For Life events are held all across Canada, there's a sense that you're part of something bigger," she says. "It excites me that we all look past the pain. It's personal but it also proves that we're all in this together."

Investing in a brighter future

There is strength in numbers — especially in the fight against cancer.

Statistics, for instance, are important to researchers, who use them to uncover trends and plan new studies. Data can help focus resources on the most promising opportunities to better prevent certain types of cancers, build support systems and find effective treatments.

Numbers are also important in funding. The Canadian Cancer Society uses money raised by events such as Relay For Life to finance research. It also turns information into action by educating Canadians about the importance of screening, available support services and improvements in treatment. Such efforts have had a profound effect on cancer survival rates — from 25 per cent in the 1940s to more than 60 per cent today.

Whether it's a small one-time donation or money raised through events like Relay For Life, grassroots action goes a long way to helping prevent cancer, raise survival rates and enhance the quality of life of local patients and their caregivers.

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The best berry you've never heard about

NEW TASTES

Haskap berries are making their way to Canuck tables

Haskap berries have traditionally only been found sporadically in the wild across Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Haskap berries might be the next new superfood — but most people haven't heard of them.

That's because the berries, which are higher in antioxidants than blueberries, have traditionally been found only sporadically in the wild across Canada, growing mostly on the edge of wetlands.

But Bob Bors aims to change that.

The head of the fruit program at the University of Saskatchewan has been breeding haskap berries for 15 years. Before that, he spent a few years studying them in order to pluck the most desirable characteristics from the species, which is native to northern Japan and Russia.

The plants are being grown in most provinces now, with more than two million sold, "which is pretty big for any plant breeding program," says Bors.

Haskap, meaning "little present on the end of a branch," is the name given by the Japanese. Other names include edible honeysuckle, blue honeysuckle and honeyberry.

The taste is distinct, says Alain Bosse, the Kilted Chef who promotes Maritime cuisine.

"It's got this raspberry, wild blueberry sort of undertone and then all of a sudden there's that Honeycrisp (apple)," Bosse says from Pictou County, N.S. "It's got that real funky flavour profile," which he likens to bumbleberry, or mixed-berry pie.

Some people say the berries - which are dark blue, oval or cylindrical, and about 2.5 centimetres long — have a hint of elderberry, black currant or grape, and a tartness.

Liam Tayler, commercial director of Haskapa in Nova Scotia, says the company started with an acre of haskap plants in 2011 and has added more each year. Forty acres are nearing production and they plan to plant another 80 acres this year.

Being a small company, they currently freeze the berries for use in products that are sold in their retail store in Mahone Bay, N.S., as well as online.

"The nice thing about the haskap berry is it's incredibly versatile," Tayler says from Mahone Bay. "It has the capacity to be a wine, but it also has the capacity to be a health-food supplement" because of its antioxidants.

Haskapa has created juice, jams and condiments with haskap berries and infuses other products with the fruit including maple syrup, gin and vodka. They also make body scrub, bath salt, lip gloss and soap containing the haskap and plan to introduce powder for juice and wine in the next few months.

Tayler says Haskapa is working with Dalhousie University's agricultural experts in Truro, N.S., to optimize processing techniques to maximize the bioactive content of the products. One of Bors's doctoral students is also conducting research on the nutritional composition of the haskap.

"It is a fruit that makes a wine more like grape wine than any other fruit, so people in the far north like Saskatchewan, we can't really grow any wine grapes here, but you can grow haskap to make a nice wine or liqueur," says Bors.

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ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

THIS WEEK: Deli meats

A few slices of these deli favourites are not equal!

PICK THIS

Cooked Ham

4oz/125g

Calories 159
Fat 7g
Sodium 1000mg

SKIP THIS

Salami

4oz/125g

Calories 400
Fat 32g
Sodium 2280mg

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to a Dave's Single Cheeseburger from Wendy's in fat

Sandwiches are an easy go-to lunch — just stack some pre-sliced meats between two slices of bread. Not so fast — we've been warned about the unhealthiness of processed meats for a while — they contain excess fat, sodium and harmful preservatives such as nitrites and nitrates, which are linked to cancers. Let's skip the salami and go for a cooked, not smoked, ham. Most cooked hams do not include nitrates, but always read the ingredient list. You'll save on these slices — salami has double the calories and sodium, and over four times the fat.

FOOD TREND

Finally, a cake that tastes like nothing

This year's answer to the cronut is an edible breast implant. Well done, humanity.

OK, it's actually called a raindrop cake and it's essentially a half-sphere of colourless, flavourless jelly that's supposed to look — and taste — like a large, freshly fallen raindrop.

It's jiggly, smooth and delicate. When bitten, the raindrop yields a soft, melty texture that falls apart rather than giving off a chewy, bouncy, Jell-O-like texture.

After 30 minutes or so, the whole thing is supposed to disintegrate. Yum!

The dessert has been making the rounds across international media outlets for the past two months, spurred on by New Yorker Darren Wong, who started selling it for $8 a pop at a Williamsburg (of course) food market called Smorgasburg in April.

A raindrop cake. TORSTAR

Raindrop Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250 mL) distilled water
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) agar powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) superfine sugar, optional
- 1 or 2 drops clear extract like peppermint, orange blossom or rosewater, optional

Directions:

1. In a small saucepan over low heat, pour in water and sprinkle in agar. Stir until agar has completely dissolved. Sprinkle in sugar and add extract, if using. Stir. Bring to a gentle simmer, stir and let cook for one minute.

2. Pour mixture into silicone hemisphere moulds or a small round rice bowl. Chill in fridge for one hour, or until mixture has set. Carefully remove from moulds and place on serving plates.

3. Top with desired toppings like sesame seeds, fruit puree or maple syrup. Serve immediately.

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LIQUID ASSETS

Wash your barbecue down with the pink stuff

While I've already pushed the button on my gas grill a few times this year, for many Canadians the Victoria Day long weekend is the official start of barbecue season. I did a quick poll of friends to get their favourite things to throw on the coals and the unanimous answer was hamburgers and hotdogs; the kings of summertime comfort food.

Red wines made with the likes of Malbec, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon fit the bill for a nice pairing, as do lightly oaked Chardonnay-based whites. In the middle is rosé, the great liquid ambassador.

Kim Crawford's 2015 Pansy! Rosé ($16.49-$19.99), a blend of Malbec and Merlot from New Zealand's Hawkes Bay region, is a full-figured pink wine with more than enough chutzpah to meet any grilled meat main and its flavour-forward companions head on.

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Stewart returns to supernatural

FESTIVAL NEWS

Actress debuts ghostly film Personal Shopper at Cannes

The idea of Kristen Stewart playing a combination ghost chaser and fashionista sounds like something from the realm of comedy.

Yet in Personal Shopper, her new film which has electrified — make that terrified — the Cannes Film Festival, it's an artful take on the horror movie genre. Representing a new advance as an actress for Stewart, 26, the film is far more frightening and cerebral than anything seen during her Twilight vampire franchise days.

"I was surprised every day by how scary the movie was," she told a press conference Tuesday, recalling how the "trippy, dreamy, surreal and existential" script she'd read exactly once turned into something altogether different during filming.

The Palme d'Or-contending movie, world-premiering at Cannes, reunites her with writer/director Olivier Assayas, whose Clouds of Sils Maria earned her the best supporting actress prize at the 2015 Césars, the French Oscars, the first American actress to win a César.

The French auteur again has Stewart working as a personal assistant for a demanding female employer and taking a long train journey as part of her job, but this time with far creepier effect.

Kristen Stewart at Cannes, where she premiered her new film Personal Shopper about a young woman working as a personal shopper who can also communicate with ghosts. GETTY IMAGES

Her character, Maureen Cartwright, is the Paris-based go-fer and dresser for the fabulously rich Kyra (Nora Von Waldstätten), who is too famous and entitled to shop for her own designer clothes and Cartier jewels. Maureen does the fittings and fetching for her boss, working efficiently but with a vague sense of resentment. Stewart puts these competing impulses across with the most subtle of words and expressions, and also small acts of rebellion.

This is not how we first meet Maureen, however. The movie opens in more conventional spook story fashion, with a visit to an imposing rural mansion. Maureen is accompanied by Lara (Sigrid Bouaziz), the grieving girlfriend of Lewis, Maureen's recently deceased twin brother. The two siblings both had a congenital heart condition they believed predisposed them to perceiving ghostly visitors, and Maureen is hoping to contact her bro from across the life/death divide — which means spending the night alone in the house (Lara refuses to stay).

What transpires is as unsettling as it is perplexing. The film is about someone dealing with grief and loss but also trying to discover who she really is. "It is a movie about finding yourself. It's an enormous identity-crisis movie," said Stewart.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

This crime show leaves no Blindspots

THE SHOW: Blindspot, Season 1, Episode 22 (NBC/CTV)
THE MOMENT: The table recap

A baby girl has been found in a duffel bag — just as Jane Doe (Jaimie Alexander), our main character, was found in episode one.

The two even have a matching tattoo. The FBI tracked down the man who dropped off the baby, but a sniper killed him. Standing around a table in the FBI office, the team does a rapid-fire recap.

"So he steals a baby?" Jane asks.

"Not just any baby, the granddaughter of a famous politician," growls the aptly named Kurt (Sullivan Stapleton).

"I can't find any record of her birth," Patterson (Ashley Johnson) chimes in.

"More importantly, why haven't the Warrens reported her missing?" Kurt snarls.

I watched episode one of this series, but didn't continue. So I was curious to see if, 21 installments later, I could keep up.

Blindspot solves the problem of viewers feeling lost by recapping itself every five minutes. CONTRIBUTED

It's a major concern for shows that unravel a mystery across a season, such as Lost, 24 or Quantico: If you miss an hour, it feels like too much to catch up on, so you drop it. Blindspot solves that problem by recapping itself every five minutes, in high-speed dialog that sustains the illusion of tension. "A little girl left in a bag totally helpless — doesn't that remind you of someone?" Jane asks. Why yes, Jane, it reminds me of you! Amazing!

Even action scenes (assailants steal a baby) are followed immediately by recaps ("Assailants have stolen a baby!"). So don't worry about keeping track since episode one. You don't even have to keep track between commercials.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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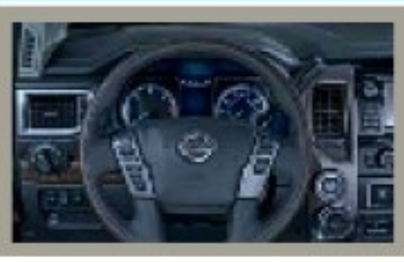

LOVE IT

- Strong low-end pull
- Overall comfort
- Price point

LEAVE IT

- No larger fuel tank options

REVIEW

Heavy truck offers combo of comfort, power

Nissan knows it can't rely strictly on a brand name to sell its truck, because although the Cummins-powered Titan XD has garnered plenty of attention since it was launched, it will only be a small part of the brand's overall truck sales pie.

The brand wants us to think of the Titan as a heavy half-ton that offers the capability of an HD pickup. Base curb weight on the gas-powered truck is still a hefty 2,724 kilograms for the S model, though that is 272 kg lighter than the diesel-version.

The maximum payload on the gas-powered version comes in at 1177 kg with rear-wheel drive.

It's safe to say that this rig won't be easy on the wallet when it comes to fuel bills. Our day of driving had the internal readout ranging from 21.7 to 18.8 litres per 100 km, about what you'd expect from such a heavy truck.

It would also be nice to see a larger fuel tank option.

The lush rolling hills of Tennessee served as our test bed for this new powertrain, a 5.6-litre V8 with 390 horsepower and a seven-speed automatic transmission.

Though the displacement is the same as the V8 found in the previous Titan, this engine is heavily revised, with the biggest changes being the addition of direct injection and Nissan's proprietary VVEL (Variable Valve Event & Lift) technology. These changes help in low-end power delivery and overall refinement in the engine.

Though it is a heavy truck, the Titan XD isn't a slouch with this V8 under the hood, certainly offering more get-up-and-go than the big diesel. Also serving the power up well is the seven-speed transmission.

Loafing about the tight Tennessee roads through farm country, the Titan felt heavy, pushing when hustled through corners, but the most prevalent sensation is one of comfort. The cabin is nicely muted from the road and the heavy set nature of the truck allows it to feel absolutely planted to the ground in all situations, especially when cruising in a straight line at highway speeds.

Steering feel is on the light side for the Titan, while the brakes feel very strong, especially with no weight pushing from the rear end of the truck.

Nothing can upset the large, calm nature of this truck.

Nissan is claiming that the Titan XD is just as comfortable as modern half-tons, and it's not a lie.

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MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Alfa Romeo joins the force

Instead of being used for high-speed chases to catch bad guys, the Alfa Romeo Giulia will actually serve as a vehicle for emergency medical use, transporting organs and blood. And this isn't just your plain Jane, entry-level Giulia, the Italian police force is taking advantage of the Quadrifoglio's Ferrari-sourced twin-turbo V6 engine packing 505 horsepower to help save lives. It will also be used to help escort ceremonial cars. Outfitted with your typical police garb, the Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio gets radios and lights, a portable defibrillator and LED flashlights in the doors. The automaker doesn't mention any performance upgrades to the car's brakes or engine.

TESLA MODEL X

Bioweapon defense mode put to the test

Is the Tesla Model X's Bioweapon Defense Mode just a marketing gimmick? The American automaker outfitted its latest model with a HEPA filtration system that is capable of stripping the outside air of pollen, bacteria and pollution before they enter the cabin. The Tesla Model X was placed in a large bubble and contaminated with extreme levels of pollution. In less than two minutes, the HEPAfiltration system scrubbed the air in the Model X, bringing pollution levels to as low as being undetectable.

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BUGATTI

Savage sounds of the Chiron

The Bugatti Chiron makes news whenever it's seen in public because, besides the fact that it looks like a spaceship, it also sounds absolutely savage. The French hypercar's latest stop on its world tour was the International Vienna Motor Symposium, where all the latest engines debut. The symposium is the perfect place to show off the Chiron, which is powered by an 8.0-liter quad-turbocharged W16 that puts out 1,500 horsepower.

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5 CARS WE'RE SAD NO LONGER COME IN MANUAL

The manual transmission is a dying breed. Over the past decade, numerous automakers have begun phasing out manual for dual-clutch units and more fuel-efficient automatics. Tragically, that means many of our favourite sports cars are ushering in a new generation without a stick shift. Here are our picks for the top four cars we miss manual on — plus one that brought it back. AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 Ferrari — anything!

it is truly sad that even the best exotics in the world no longer offer manual transmissions. Although there are a few manual transmission Ferrari Californias roaming around, the last Ferrari most enthusiasts tie to a manual shifter is the 599.

2 Acura NSX

It might seem like it took forever to arrive, but the all-new Acura NSX is finally here and it's missing a manual transmission. Sadly, Acura's entire lineup now lacks a manual transmission and it appears the Japanese automaker has no intentions of going back. The NSX is so high-tech now a manual transmission just doesn't suit the car's philosophy any longer.

5 Porsche 911 GT3

When Porsche introduced its latest-generation 911 GT3 at the 2013 Geneva Motor Show, enthusiasts were appalled that there wasn't a manual transmission. Now, the automaker will re-introduce a manual transmission for its next-generation 911 GT3. The big question is, why aren't other automakers following in Porsche's footsteps?

4 Lamborghini — anything!

With the introduction of the Lamborghini Huracan, which replaced the Gallardo, Lamborghini decided to dump the manual transmission. Then-CEO Stephan Winkelmann said that nearly zero per cent of Gallardos were ordered with a manual transmission. When an order did come in, the automaker had to double check the order form to confirm that it wasn't a mistake.

3 Audi TT RS

Despite rumours the new Audi TT RS would come with a manual transmission, that is sadly not the case. The German automaker recently introduced the latest version of its hot sports coupe packing 400 horsepower from a 2.5-liter turbocharged five-cylinder engine, but no stick shift was in tow. The only transmission available now is Audi's slick seven-speed S Tronic.

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The Eco's price is right

GREEN NEWS

2017 Hyundai Elantra Eco starts at just $21,485 U.S.

The all-new 2017 Hyundai Elantra Eco is priced from $21,485 U.S., including destination costs.

Returning an EPA-estimated 13.6 kilometres per litre in the city and 17 km/L on the highway, the 2017 Hyundai Elantra Eco gets a 15 km/L combined rating thanks to its fuel-efficient 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine.

The powerplant with 128 horsepower is mated to a seven-speed EcoShift dual clutch transmission.

The model also comes loaded with plenty of standard features, including a seven-inch DisplayAudio touchscreen with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay support, Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross-traffic Alert and Lane Change Assist, proximity key with push-button start, heated front seats,dual automatic temperature control and a leather-wrapped shift knob and steering wheel with audio, cruise and Bluetooth controls.

The 2017 Hyundai Elantra Eco is the most fuel-efficient Elantra in the Korean automaker's lineup and according to fueleconomy.gov, its ratings could result in an average annual fuel cost of just $900 U.S.

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The 2017 Eco model is the most fuel-efficient model on the Korean carmaker's Elantra lineup. HANDOUT

PAGANI HUAYRA PEARL

Secret customer to buy one-off

The Pagani Huayra's production is limited to just 100 units and the Pearl might be the most exclusive of all. HANDOUT

The Pagani Huayra Pearl has been introduced as a one-of-one special hypercar.

The Italian automaker released a video showcasing the Pagani Huayra Pearl, which was built as a one-off for exotic car dealership Refined Marques for an unnamed customer.

Boasting several unique elements like a roof scoop and a split rear wing, Pagani says that the Huayra Pearl "sets new standards in terms of custom built. It is the result of a combination between art and science, design and technology, form and function. It is the very first example of a custom made Huayra specifically built for one customer."

The Pagani Huayra's production is limited to just 100 units and the Huayra Pearl might turn out to be the most exclusive of them all.

Pricing was not announced, but we're guessing the new owner doesn't care considering they have a one-off Pagani Huayra with its own name.

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Canada's winning streak at the world championship ended at 16 games after a 4-0 loss to Finland in its preliminary-round finale Tuesday

Pointing the way

NBA PLAYOFFS

All-star ones lead their teams deep in post-season

LeBron James is fond of saying that today's NBA is driven by point guards.

Looks like he's right.

A superstar foursome of all-star point guards are left in the NBA playoffs. In the Eastern Conference final it's Toronto's Kyle Lowry versus Cleveland's Kyrie Irving. Out in the Western Conference final it's Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook versus Golden State's Stephen Curry.

And in about a month, one of them will be holding the Larry O'Brien Trophy in a championship celebration.

"It's no surprise at all," said James, the Cleveland star looking for his sixth consecutive trip to the NBA Finals. "It's arguably, probably, the four best point guards we have in our league, obviously missing, outside of, Chris Paul. Lowry, Steph, Russ and Ky — I'll take those four guys."

An average night so far this season for Lowry, Irving, Westbrook and Curry: 23.9 points, 7.3 assists. Heading into Tuesday's night game between Toronto and Cleveland, those four point guards were leading teams to wins in exactly three out of every four games they play this season.

"It's a perfect match of what I've been saying," James said.

Kyrie Irving, from top, Russell Westbrook and Stephen Curry, along with the Raptors' Kyle Lowry, are the four remaining starting point guards in the playoffs. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lowry led Toronto into its first East final by leading the Raptors past Miami in a seven-game semifinal slugfest. He had a total of 25 points in the first two games of that series, then went off for 139 in the final five contests.

Irving was 18-3 as a starter in the post-season, 8-0 through the first two rounds of this year's playoffs for the Cavaliers. Westbrook, who helped Oklahoma City steal Game 1 from Golden State on Monday night, might be the fastest and most explosive point guard, a matchup nightmare who helped engineer the Thunder's ouster of San Antonio. And Curry is only the two-time reigning MVP, the game's most prolific shooter who connected on a record-by-a-mile 402 threes this season and is seeking a second straight NBA title.

18

Westbrook recorded 18 triple-doubles this season.

This lineup of point guards takes Raptors coach Dwane Casey back a generation, when it seemed to him like a John Stockton or Magic Johnson or Kevin Johnson would find their way into just about every big game.

"It's fun to see. I think it's great for the league to have guys like Kyle and Kyrie and Westbrook and those guys performing at such a high level," Casey said Monday. "Your team is as good as your point guard is. Not just scoring, but the way he leads your team, the way he sets the tone defensively, the way he runs the show offensively. It's fun to see the way the game is being dictated by the great point guards that are left in the final four." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

Rangers' Odor gets 8 games for punch

Texas second baseman Rougned Odor was given an eight-game suspension Tuesday while Toronto manager John Gibbons and pitcher Jesse Chavez each received three-game bans for their actions in a weekend game between the Rangers and Blue Jays.

A total of 14 players and staff members from the two teams were disciplined, Major League Baseball said in a statement Tuesday evening.

Odor, who delivered a punch to the jaw of Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista, was suspended for fighting in the top of the eighth inning in Sunday's game. The incident started a bench-clearing melee at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Chavez was disciplined for intentionally throwing at Prince Fielder in the bottom of the inning with warnings in place for both sides.

Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus was given a one-game suspension for "aggressive actions" during the incident while Bautista was given a one-game ban for his on-field actions and for his post-game comments.

Gibbons, who returned to the field after being ejected earlier in the game, confirmed before Tuesday night's game against Tampa Bay that he was also fined $5,000 US. Toronto first base coach Tim Leiper received a one-game suspension and received an undisclosed fine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Gibbons
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JAYS' FOURTH STRAIGHT LOSS

Rays repeat drubbing as Stroman handed first loss

Shortstop Brad Miller had three hits, including a triple, and drove in three runs on Tuesday night as the Tampa Bay Rays picked apart the Toronto Blue Jays 12-2.

Tyler Motter hit his first career home run in his second game in Major League Baseball. Kevin Kiermaier also had three hits and an RBI for the Rays (18-19). Tampa Bay's 10-run victory came one night after it beat Toronto 13-2.

Jose Bautista's two-run home run was the height of Toronto's (19-22) offence as the Blue Jays lost for the fourth time in a row. Toronto was outhit 16-5.

Marcus Stroman (4-1) gave up seven earned runs, taking his first loss of the season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

76ers get rare victory scoring No. 1 draft pick

The Philadelphia 76ers have won the NBA draft lottery and will have the No. 1 pick in June.

The Los Angeles Lakers finished second but also felt like winners, as they would have dealt their pick to Philadelphia had they fallen out of the top three.

Toronto will pick ninth. The Raptors got the pick as part of the deal that sent Andrea Bargnani to the New York Knicks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mayor Tory casts his vote for 'other'

RAPTORS EAST FINAL

The tradition of open letter diplomacy continued Tuesday with John Tory taking to pen and paper.

Toronto's mayor wrote to CBS Sports after the television network recently conducted an online poll of its users, asking which remaining playoff team would win the NBA title.

The Golden State Warriors were listed first, just above the Oklahoma City Thunder, their opponents in the Western Conference final. The Cleveland Cavaliers were also listed, but the fourth team was listed as "other."

The Toronto Raptors, who opened the Eastern Conference final in Cleveland on Tuesday night, are that other team. And the omission did not go unnoticed on social media, with a number of fans adjusting the team's slogan — "We the North" — to "We the Other."

CBS issued a message — since removed — explaining the poll had been published before the Raptors secured a spot in the conference finals with a Game 7 win over the Miami Heat.

> **I love that people discount us ... I think that fuels us.**
> Raptors coach Dwane Casey

The poll was adjusted Tuesday.

Tory offered his support early in the afternoon, posting an open letter to CBS Sports chair Sean McManus on Twitter.

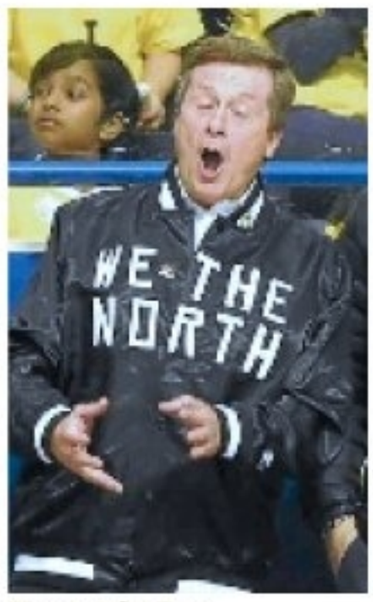
"We're not the slightest bit offended," Tory wrote on city letterhead.

Toronto, he said, is used to being underestimated. He referenced the Heat, and their star.

"Dwyane Wade thought he could take practice shots during our national anthem," Tory wrote. "Well, we showed him how we feel about that."

Toronto, Tory pointed out, is the fourth-largest city in North America.

"Please don't hesitate to have your people call my office to get prime camera positions for the parade after the Toronto Raptors win the NBA Championship," he wrote. "We will mark their space as 'other.'" TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Always active Seba sets another record

Another day, another record for Sebastian Giovinco.

Major League Soccer confirmed Tuesday that the Italian star's direct involvement in Toronto FC's 13 goals this season — he has scored eight and assisted on five — erased the league mark held by San Jose's Ronald Cerritos, who was involved in 12 consecutive goals in 1998.

Giovinco has actually been involved in TFC's last 15 goals dating back to the end of last season but the league does not track such numbers over more than one year.

The Atomic Ant can add to his total Wednesday night when David Villa and New York City FC (4-3-4) visit. NYCFC has won its last three games and is unbeaten in four.

Sebastian Giovinco GETTY IMAGES

Toronto (4-4-2) fans may want to enjoy Giovinco while they can.

Italy is naming a revamped preliminary squad next Monday for the European Championship and its possible coach Antonio Conte will want Giovinco in France next month.

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SOCCER IN BRIEF

Drogba out for Orlando visit

Montreal forward Didier Drogba will miss the Impact's visit to Orlando City on Saturday with a hip injury.

Coach Mauro Biello said Tuesday that Drogba is scheduled to rejoin the squad next week.

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Hull keeps chance to climb to Premier League alive

Hull will play Sheffield Wednesday for a place in the English Premier League next season after surviving a fightback by Derby in their League Championship playoff semifinal on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LVG likes his chances

PREMIER LEAGUE

United skip not ready to cede his spot at Old Trafford

Manchester United's absence from the Champions League for the second time in three years was confirmed on Tuesday after a 3-1 win over Bournemouth in a Premier League game hastily rearranged because of a bomb scare.

Wayne Rooney scored a goal and played a part in the other two, scored by Marcus Rashford and substitute Ashley Young, as United finished in fifth place to qualify for the Europa League group stage.

Qualifying for the Champions League — with its prestige and vast riches — was United's priority this season, meaning that manager Louis van Gaal has failed to meet his targets. David Moyes was fired in 2014 for that very reason, and Van Gaal will find out after the FA Cup final against Crystal Palace on Saturday whether he goes the same way.

Louis van Gaal leaves the pitch at Old Trafford — possibly for the last time as United manager. MICHAEL REGAN/GETTY IMAGES

"It is the highest level," Van Gaal said of the Champions League, "and a club like Manchester United has to play at that level."

To do so, United had to beat Bournemouth by a minimum 19-goal margin to overtake fourth-place Manchester City. Even in the strangest season in the Premier League's 24-year history, that was never going to happen and United wound up behind City on goal difference.

There were some jeers from United fans as Van Gaal took to the microphone in the centre circle after the game. The Dutchman thanked supporters for their "unconditional support," adding: "Now, we want to bring the FA Cup home to you."

That still might not save his job, although Van Gaal answered with a resounding "yes" when asked if he would still be United manager next season. He has one year left on his contract.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FINAL TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Leicester	38	23-12-3	81
Arsenal	38	20-11-7	71
Tottenham	38	19-13-6	70
Man. City	38	19-9-10	66
Man. United	38	19-9-10	66
S'hampton	38	18-9-11	63
West Ham	38	16-14-8	62
Liverpool	38	16-12-10	60
Stoke	38	14-9-15	51
Chelsea	38	12-14-12	50
Everton	38	11-14-13	47
Swansea	38	12-11-15	47
Watford	38	12-9-17	45
West Brom	38	10-13-15	43
Crys. Palace	38	11-9-18	42
B'mouth	38	11-9-18	42
Sunderland	38	9-12-17	39
Newcastle	38	9-10-19	37
Norwich	38	9-7-22	34
Aston Villa	38	3-8-27	17

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 salmon filets
- 1/2 carrot, cut into matchsticks
- 1 red or yellow pepper, cut into matchsticks
- 1 baby bok choy, the white part cut into matchsticks, the green part cut into ribbons
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tsp low sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp ginger, minced

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Whisk together oil, vinegar, soy sauce and minced ginger and toss with your veggies

2. Cut two square pieces of parchment, each piece about 12" by 18" square then cut the largest heart shape you can within the squares. Fold it in half down the middle and make a crease

3. Working on a baking sheet, place your parchment down and put half of your veggies down on one half of the heart. Then place one piece of fish on top of the veggie bed. Fold the heart closed and fold and pleat the edges until it is sealed. There will be a little bit at the end that you'll have to tuck under. Repeat with your second parchment.

4. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove and place parcels onto a plate and carefully slice open.

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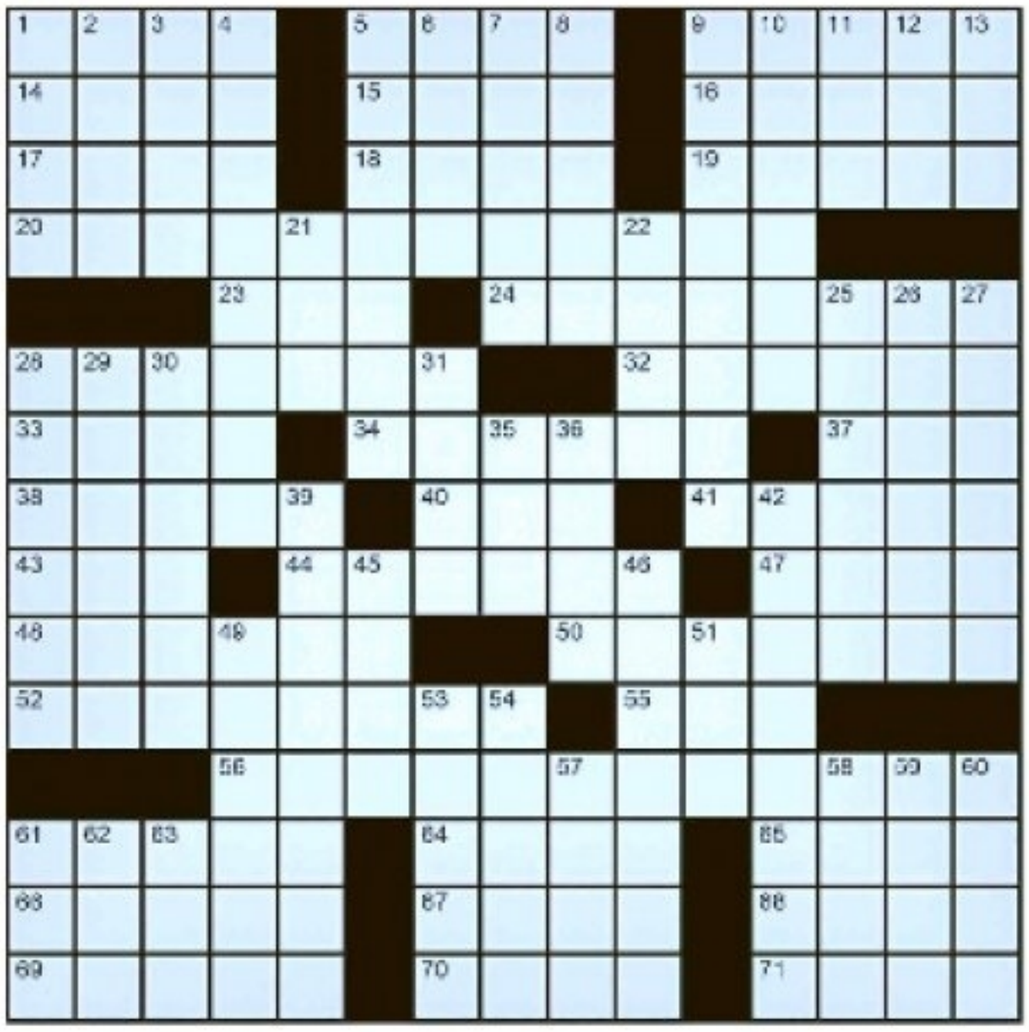

ACROSS
1. Tailoring crease
5. Moves to the jazzy music
9. Vermicelli or penne
14. __-gravity
15. Soup vegetable
16. MC Hammer's "__ Touch This"
17. Suffix with 'Problem'
18. Surprise military attack
19. Watch the big game on one in a sports bar, e.g.
20. Sainte-Helene-de-__, Quebec
23. Pickle jar topper
24. Longing
28. Royal LePage employee
32. Permanent-on-a-person picture
33. Shania Twain album: 'The Woman __'
34. U2's drummer, Larry __ Jr.
37. From __ Z
38. Movie genre
40. "Oh, give __ home where the buffalo roam..."
41. Caffeine nuts
43. "Ich bin __ Berliner." - JFK
44. __-Robbins (Ice cream chain)
47. Loot load
48. Crosses to bear
50. Shreddies and Cheerios
52. Harvey's fare: 2 wds.
55. 'Edmonton' suffix (Denizen of Alberta's capital)
56. Rachel McAdams stars as a TV producer in this 2010 comedy: 2 wds.
61. "__ a Symphony" by The Supremes
64. Ms. Remini
65. Succulent plant
66. Portia's "Ally McBeal" character
67. Stare
68. Bark-made cloth
69. Ms. Kardashian
70. Blue dyestuff
71. Samuel L. Jackson film, "__ Bayou" (1997)

DOWN
1. Swedish auto
2. Intermission, __'acte
3. "It's __!" (3-3 game exclamation)
4. Victor __ (Member of Canadian pop/opera quartet The Tenors)
5. "Yawnsville." reason
6. "That's fine."
7. PCO = __ Council Office
8. The Beatles' "Sexy __"
9. Show who's boss: 2 wds.
10. Highlight
11. Blue
12. "Ka-boom!" causer
13. Four-wheeler, e.g.
21. Young fox
22. Behind
25. Canadian actress Ms. Ricci
26. Less than one hundred percent: 2 wds.
27. Canada __ (Belonging to a Canuck bird)
28. "300: __ an Empire" (2014)
29. Spanish dramatist, Juan del __
30. Grade above B Plus, __
31. Servings in saloons
35. Currency in Albania
36. Secular
39. 'Relief' follows this spelling rule ...but 'Receive' doesn't: letter + word + letter
42. Store sign appreciated by a night owl: 2 wds.
45. Biblical instrument
46. Made a horse sound
49. Manitoba: __ __ Provincial Park
51. __ doll
53. Not set loudly, as a radio: 2 wds.
54. San __, California
57. "The Lion King" (1994) lioness
58. Antarctica's Prince __ Coast
59. Knot-maker's need
60. Fancy 'fors'
61. Pen's liquid
62. Scheming laugh half
63. L ...spelled out

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Upsets with spouses, partners and close friends are likely today. Therefore, don't jump the gun. Wait to hear what others have to say before you react.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be patient with co-workers today to avoid upsets. Nevertheless, your day will be interrupted by computer crashes, power outages, fire alarms, staff shortages or canceled appointments.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, which means if you are a parent, be vigilant. Likewise, if you work with children, make sure they are free from hazardous situations.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Small appliances might break down today, or minor breakages could occur — something will interrupt your home routine. Someone unexpected might knock on your door.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Think before you act. Guard against knee-jerk reactions.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might find money today, or you might lose money. This is because something having to do with your financial situation is unpredictable. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign sitting opposite unpredictable Uranus. Therefore, expect disruptions to your day. You might be obsessed with something unusual. (Easy does it.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel restless today. You have the feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Don't worry, because many people feel this way today. It is what it is.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend or a member of a group might say or do something that surprises you. Alternatively, you might meet a real character today — someone who is bohemian or avant-garde.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You feel defiant when dealing with authority figures today. This is why you don't want anyone bossing you around or telling you what to do. (Remember the power of courtesy.)

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign; therefore, be careful. Expect travel cancellations or changes. Yikes.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You might be caught off guard with a decision regarding inheritances or shared property today. Be prepared for something from out of the blue that could affect how you financially relate to others.

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